ABSTRACT

When a server device records a portion of a movie after a client device has started a streaming playback, the client device is allowed to make a special playback of that movie. The server device includes: a video recording processing section for recording a movie and generating movie data, made up of predetermined data units, and management information in which a playback duration and a data size are associated with each other for each unit; a storage medium to store the movie data and management information; a receiving section, which receives a request to get the management information and a request to transmit the data unit from the client device; a request processing section for reading the management information and data unit in response to the requests and instructing their transmission; and a transmitting section for transmitting them. If the request to transmit has been received after the management information was transmitted, the request processing section instructs that at least a piece of the newest management information be transmitted with the unit selected by the request to transmit.